GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2694
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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Public Telephone Booths functioning in rural areas especially in Uttar Pradesh as on date;

(b) whether Public Telephone Booths have been closed in the States during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective steps likely to be taken by the Government for proper and satisfactory functioning of the Public Telephone Booths on the railway stations/other public places?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the State-wise number of Public Telephone Booths functioning in rural areas as on 31.7.2005 are given in Annexure- I

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. The number of Public Telephone Booths closed in the States during last three years are given in Annexure-II. The reasons of closure of booths are:-

(i) Closure due to non-payment.

(ii) Closure on request of Franchisee.

(d) The Government has already taken the following steps for proper and satisfactory functioning of Public Telephone Booths at public places:

(i) Centralised fault booking at Short Distance Charging Centre (SDCC) level.

(ii) Priority in repair of faults for Public Telephone Booths.

(iii) Creation of Pole-less network to avoid the drop wire related faults.

ANNEXURE-I

Number of Public Telephone Booths (excluding VPTs) working in Rural areas as on 31-7-2005

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Number of Public Telephone Booths
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	521
2	Andhra Pradesh	85123
3	Assam	6252
4	Bihar	25375
5	Chhattisgarh	1611
6	Gujarat	23135
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	219
8	Daman & Diu	242
9	Haryana	12834
10	Himachal Pradesh	6216
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2853
12	Jharkhand	8525
13	Karnataka	39683
14	Kerala	54466

15	Lakshadweep	49
16	Madhya Pradesh	8365
17	Maharashtra excluding Mumbai MTNL	65687
18	Goa	2673
19	Meghalaya	527
20	Mizoram	26
21	Tripura	1062
22	Nagaland	177
23	Manipur	21
24	Arunachal Pradesh	963
25	Orissa	11007
26	Punjab including Chandigarh U.T	15900
27	Rajasthan	26911
28	Tamil Nadu	26982
29	Pondicherry	886
30	Uttar Pradesh	43431
31	Uttaranchal	3595
32	West Bengal	14580
33	Sikkim	180
	TOTAL	490077

ANNEXURE-II

Number of Public Telephone Booths (excluding VPTs) closed during last 3 years

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Closed due to Non-Payment				Closed due to reasons other than DNP(on request from franchisee)				TOTAL for 3 years
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	TOTAL	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	TOTAL	
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	8	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	6308	9633	6380	22321	3442	4368	6849	14659	36980
3	Assam	626	734	276	1636	172	207	147	526	2162
4	Bihar	1470	1582	1193	4245	302	272	487	1061	5306
5	Chhattisgarh	223	266	590	1079	312	479	353	1144	2223
6	Gujarat	1930	2735	2550	7215	3370	4038	5547	12955	20170
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20	23	24	67	9	23	52	84	151
8	Daman & Diu	14	18	24	56	11	22	50	83	139
9	Haryana	868	1664	2336	4868	684	908	1088	2680	7548
10	Himachal Pradesh	41	123	176	340	61	69	110	240	580
11	Jammu & Kashmir	149	249	150	548	139	149	115	403	951
12	Jharkhand	274	220	200	694	17	45	109	171	865
13	Karnataka	1065	2493	6771	10329	1143	2290	7004	10437	20766
14	Kerala	885	1210	1309	3404	643	1071	1487	3201	6605
15	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Madhya Pradesh	1429	1986	1257	4672	2051	2140	2038	6229	10901
17	Maharashtra excluding Mumbai MTNL	3012	4183	5434	12629	3942	5954	8181	18077	30706
18	Goa	101	171	144	416	219	364	390	973	1389
19	Meghalaya	65	47	39	151	22	16	14	52	203
20	Mizoram	0	0	85	85	0	0	0	0	85
21	Tripura	82	25	18	125	30	39	28	97	222
22	Nagaland	201	309	114	624	0	0	0	0	624
23	Manipur	46	146	41	233	0	0	0	0	233
24	Arunachal Pradesh	79	64	6	149	0	0	1	1	150
25	Orissa	387	491	545	1423	247	495	588	1330	2753
26	Punjab including Chandigarh U.T	883	1767	1490	4140	2397	3119	3601	9117	13257
27	Rajasthan	775	887	1284	2946	1840	2361	2747	6948	9894
28	Tamil Nadu	4977	9253	5759	19989	6631	5193	9969	21793	41782
29	Pondicherry	0	4	3	7	71	129	168	368	375
30	Uttar Pradesh	1965	2778	2314	7057	1954	3275	4241	9470	16527
31	Uttaranchal	71	87	286	444	149	123	186	458	902

32	West Bengal	3172	4342	4667	12181	1179	3898	3789	8866	21047
33	Sikkim	16	11	5	32	3	1	5	9	41
	TOTAL	31134	47501	4547	12410	3104	4104	5935	13144	25554
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